

“President Obama delivered a speech tonight that was high on lofty goals, but short on concrete details of how to turn around the worst economy in more than a generation. Much of what we heard tonight was simply a repackaging of the same big government agenda that this president first articulated in his address to Congress a year ago.

“The American people want the president and Congress to work together to fix our economy and get people back to work. However, as long as the president continues to push for big government expansion the American people will not benefit.

“While I applaud the president’s recognition that federal deficit spending is a direct threat to our future, his solution to freeze a portion of discretionary spending amounts to little more than symbolism. The freeze would impact only about 17 percent of the federal budget.

“Evidently, the president plans to proceed with his budget-busting health care takeover, cap and trade energy taxes and wasteful second stimulus bills. If he was truly serious about tackling the deficit, he’d start by putting the brakes on these big spending programs.

“There’s still time for the president and the Democrats in Congress to embrace a bipartisan approach to reviving our economy and promoting job growth.”

